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Recommendations of The Executive Committee of People's Charter Conference

Save This SAMPLE BALLOT Until Election Day and Vote as Recommended If You Desire the Best Interests of Los Angeles

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote on a proposition stamp a cross (X) in the voting square to the right of and opposite the answer you desire to give. ALL MARKS EXCEPT THE CROSS (X) ARE FORBIDDEN. ALL DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR ERASURES ARE FORBIDDEN AND MAKE THE BALLOT VOID. IF YOU WRONGLY STAMP, TEAR OR DEFACE THIS BALLOT, return it to the inspector of election and obtain another.

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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall proposed charter amendment number ONE, relating to the powers of the city in acquiring public utilities now privately owned and to the disposition of the surplus product or service of any public utility owned by the city, be ratified?	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number TWO, relating to the granting of franchises for, and the powers of control of the city over, privately owned public utilities, be ratified?	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number THREE, relating to the city's power to license, regulate and control certain businesses, relating to city elections and to the limitation of the purposes and the amount of the expenditure of money in connection therewith, relating to the use of the bed of the Los Angeles River, relating to excess condemnation and to the construction of passageways across public alleys, be ratified?	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number FOUR, authorizing the city to exercise any power which a municipal corporation might or could exercise under the Constitution of California, and relating to the property which may be held and controlled by the city and to the businesses in which the city may engage, be ratified?	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number FIVE, relating to the power of the Council to issue instructions to appointive boards, commissions and officers of the city, and relating to grouping the functions of the city government into nine divisions and appointing the members of the Council as council committeemen for such divisions, and prescribing their duties as such, be ratified?	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number SIX, relating to the salaries of officers of the city and fixing the times for the meetings of the Council, be ratified? (NOTE.—Proposed charter amendment number EIGHTEEN hereinafter referred to is submitted as an alternative to this proposed charter amendment number SIX. As to these two proposed charter amendments, you may vote for either one of them, or for either one and against the other, or you may vote against both, but do not vote for both; a vote for both will not be counted in favor of either.)	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number SEVEN, providing for a primary nominating election in May and a general municipal election in June of the present year and of each odd numbered year thereafter, terminating the terms of office of the present elective officers of the city on the first Monday in July, 1913, prohibiting officers of the city from being interested in city contracts, and relating to the recall of appointive officers of the city, be ratified?	Yes	X
	No	
8 Shall proposed charter amendmen number EIGHT, relating to proportional representation in the City Council, be ratified. (NOTE.—Proposed charter amendment number SEVENTEEN hereinafter referred to is submitted as an alternative to this proposed charter amendment number EIGHT. As to these two proposed charter amendments, you may vote for either one of them, or for either one and against the other, or you may vote against both, but do not vote for both; a vote for both will not be counted in favor of either.)	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number NINE, providing for the appointment of the members of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, establishing a harbor district comprising the tide and submerged lands and lands adjacent thereto in Los Angeles Harbor, and relating to the regulation, control and use of the waterfront, tide and submerged lands in said harbor, be ratified? (NOTE.—Proposed charter amendment number SIXTEEN hereinafter referred to is submitted as an alternative to this proposed charter amendment number NINE. As to these two proposed charter amendments, you may vote for either one of them, or for either one and against the other, or you may vote against both, but do not vote for both; a vote for both will not be counted in favor of either.)	Yes	
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number TEN, fixing the amounts of bonds of certain city officers, and relating to the payment by the city of the premium on such bonds executed by corporate sureties, be ratified?	Yes	
	No	

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall proposed charter amendment number ELEVEN, relating to the sale of real property owned by the city, be ratified?	Yes	
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number TWELVE, providing for the creation, maintenance and disbursement of a firemen's relief, health, life insurance and pension fund, be ratified?	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number THIRTEEN, providing for the creation, maintenance and disbursement of a policemen's relief, health, life insurance and pension fund, be ratified?	Yes	X
	No	
Shall proposed charter amendment number FOURTEEN, providing that the City Council shall not appropriate or provide any public money for the printing, publication, sale or distribution of a municipal newspaper, be ratified?	Yes	
	No	X
Shall proposed charter amendment number FIFTEEN, relating to the power of the Board of Park Commissioners to expend park funds, to fix and regulate the salaries and wages of employees in the Park Department, and to the operation of concessions in the public parks, be ratified?	Yes	
	No	X
Shall proposed charter amendment number SIXTEEN, providing for the election and payment of salaries of the members of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, establishing a harbor district comprising the territory embraced within the former cities of San Pedro and Wilmington, and relating to the management of the Harbor Department, and to the regulation, control and use of the waterfront, tide and submerged lands belonging to the city, be ratified? (NOTE.—This proposed charter amendment number SIXTEEN is submitted as an alternative to proposed charter amendment number NINE, hereinbefore referred to. As to these two proposed charter amendments, you may vote for either one of them, or for either one and against the other, or you may vote against both, but do not vote for both; a vote for both will not be counted in favor of either.)	Yes	
	No	X
17 Shall proposed charter amendment number SEVENTEEN, providing for the division of the city into fifteen council districts and for the election of one councilman from each of said districts and for the election of six councilmen-at-large, be ratified? (NOTE.—This proposed charter amendment number SEVENTEEN is submitted as an alternative to proposed charter amendment number EIGHT, hereinbefore referred to. As to these two proposed charter amendments, you may vote for either one of them, or for either one and against the other, or you may vote against both, but do not vote for both; a vote for both will not be counted in favor of either.)	Yes	
	No	X
Shall proposed charter amendment number EIGHTEEN, relating to the salaries of officers of the city, be ratified? (NOTE.—This proposed charter amendment number EIGHTEEN is submitted as an alternative to proposed charter amendment number SIX, hereinbefore referred to. As to these two proposed charter amendments, you may vote for either one of them, or for either one and against the other, or you may vote against both, but do not vote for both; a vote for both will not be counted in favor of either.)	Yes	
	No	X

END OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

INITIATIVE ORDINANCE

Shall the ordinance regulating public dances and public dance halls and providing for the granting and revocation of permits therefor, be adopted?	Yes	
	No	

BAKERSFIELD

Our citizenry in general is taking on metropolitan airs during the last two months, and among the most popular places in the city is famed "White Temple." The coming of Dr. J. Gordon McPherson, the Renowned Black Preacher's eloquent sermons, attract the largest crowds seen in any of the churches. Men prominent in all walks of life of both races are among the devout and earnest worshippers. Great is the work of this eminent divine. Whose influence for good is felt among all classes. Sunday evening hundreds listened to a popular discourse on the great theme "The Man Who Wins" which was one of the most forceful and practical sermons ever heard in Bakersfield, and the same has been favorably discussed by many throughout the city during the past week. Special preparations are being made to make the celebration of Easter day the greatest ever held in this city. Special music will be rendered and Dr. McPherson will preach on the subject: "He is Not Here." Miss Marie Simpson will sing a soprano solo "Easter Day."

Among those on the sick list are Miss Estella Daniels, who lies in a precarious condition at the Hospital.

Mrs. A. Pierson is concalescing.

Mrs. Frank Washington, taken suddenly ill at this writing. She is improving slowly.

Much interest has been aroused by the announcement of the coming of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, the noted educator, author and editor, who will speak here in May under the auspices of the Sunday Club.

Miss Annie P. Lee, of Los Angeles, is a pleasant visitor as the house guest of the Misses Marie and Lillian Simpson.

WHY THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE VOTED AS STAMPED ON PAGE ONE

On the first page of this journal we present to our readers the sample ballot containing the eighteen proposed charter amendments. It will be absolutely safe, and we earnestly urge our readers, especially the colored men and women voters, to vote the ticket from top to bottom as marked. This ballot, as presented, was indorsed by the people's charter conference, the only body that gave the colored voters a representative. On the other charter committees the colored voters had absolutely no representation. In fact, aside from the people's charter conference the other charter-making bodies have done every thing possible to disfranchise the colored voters by absolutely denying them representation.

While we urge the colored voters to vote the whole ticket, as marked, we ask them with especial emphasis to vote "yes" on amendment number 8. This amendment relates to proportional representation, and, should it be adopted, it will not only secure representation in the City Council for each political party, but will, without doubt, secure for the colored voters and tax-payers representation also. Counting men and women, we have something like 15,000 voters in this city, and if each of them does his or her duty on election day amendment No. 8 will be adopted with votes to spare. When Mr. Whitney was candidate on the Socialist ticket for city councilman he received 40,000 votes. Under proportional representation, besides the white vote, he would have polled the entire colored vote, which would have given him a grand total of, say 60,000 votes, which would have elected him and given the colored tax-payers the representation that is due them. Should this amendment carry and a capable colored candidate be placed in the field, he can easily poll 75,000 votes and be elected.

It requires no extended argument to convince the average Negro voter the importance of having representation in the law-making department of the city. Under the present system the Negro is not only refused manly consideration, but the disposition to deny them the protection of the law is becoming more flagrant each day. And unless they bestir themselves and secure representation in the City Council there is no telling to what extent these matters may be carried. If there was a Negro in the Council the police department would easily find means of protecting our defenseless women against the unlawful attacks of hoodlums.

AMENDMENT 17, VOTE "NO"

If the Negroes hope to secure representation in the City Council they must vote solidly against Amendment 17. The object of this amendment is to go back to the old ward system of electing councilmen. If Amendment 17 should be adopted the city would be divided into fifteen wards, each represented by a councilman elected by the voters of said ward. Under that system there would not be enough colored voters in any ward to elect one of their number to the City Council, as no voter could vote for a councilman outside of his own ward. Under the present system when a colored man is placed upon a ticket every colored voter in the city can vote for him. Such a candidate, if worthy, can always count upon 30,000 to 50,000 liberal white voters; and under proportional representation would be a sure winner.

This talk of electing six councilmen at large is a delusion and a snare, as no colored man, no matter how capable or popular, would have a ghost of a show. So to be absolutely safe in this proposition, vote "YES" on Amendment 8, and "NO" on Amendment 17.

While we have devoted the greater part of our space to Amendments

8 and 17, we sincerely trust that every reader of this journal will vote the ballot straight as stamped on the front page of this journal. We have carefully studied them and can safely recommend them to the sufferage of the colored voters.

When the now dead Lissner Charter was presented to the voters of the city for their approval or rejection we attacked it with all the vigor of our soul, because, among other bad features, its civil service paragraph would have put every colored person under civil service out of the city's employ. We called the attention of the colored voters to this treacherous feature of that document and they voted against that charter from 2 to 1 to 15 to 1. Now we urge them with equal emphasis to vote solidly for the amendments as stamped on our front page, knowing that their adoption will secure fair play for all.

If, by any mischance, Amendment No. 8 is defeated, we urge every colored voter to be on hand next April and vote solidly against the bond issues. For we deem it the heighth of folly for a people who are taxed without representation to increase their already heavy tax burden by voting new bonds. Although the Negroes are paying their full share of the $23,000,000 bond issue for building the acqueduct, they have not been given a single day's work in its construction. If they had representation in the Council they would have been given opportunity to do a part of that work instead of letting if go to foreigners who pay no taxes. The opportunity for the Negro to secure representation has come. Let every Negro voter (men and women) do their duty on March 24th.

TEXT MADE TO FIT

(Cleveland Leader:) James Whitcomb Riley tells a story of an old fellow who asked for work at the Riley farm in the poet's boyhood. He was set at hoeing potatoes, but did not prove to be especially industrious. When taken to task for his lack of application he only replied: "Waal, the good book says, 'Do all things in moderation.' "

"Well, it came on dinner time at last," says the humorist, "and the old codger did his share nobly. In fact, he ate enough to kill two or three ordinary men. Someone gently hinted that the text didn't seem to apply. He opened a worn little Bible and imperturably pointed to a passage. It read: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

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MINISTERS FEDERATION

Dr. J. Gordon McPherson, the efficient retiring secretary, will deliver a closing message Tuesday morning at the Y. M. C. Ass'n., 831 San Pedro street. He will speak on "Retrospection." A large attendance of ministers and laymen should be present to hear the closing words of secretary McPherson who goes to assume the pastorate of the "White Temple" at Bakersfield.

Vote "yes" on Amendment 8, and vote "no" on Amendment 17. Should Amendment 17 carry, it would revive the old political ward corruption.

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The editor of The Liberator has been on the sick list for two weeks.

MISS LATICHA MARTIN

In the death of Miss Laticha Martin, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Lambert, the church and the community sustained a great loss. Miss Martin was graduated from the Los Angeles High School in the summer of 1901.

She was a member of Wesley Chapel, M. E. church, and a faithful teacher in the Sunday School. She helped to organize the Southern Cailfornia Alunmi. She was also a member of the Benevolence Society of Wesley Chapel, and the Gleanor Helping Hand, and Recording Secretary of the Pride of the West, No. 207. The Gleanor Helping Hand Society is a society made up of her neighbors and was organized in her home at 2152 East 10th street.

She appeared always to be in the best of health, and her sudden and unexpected death shocked and saddened the whole community. Miss Martin taught the juvenile class in Sunday School and was a general favorite of the little children. Her faithfulness to them and her other duties filled Wesley Chapel on the day of her funeral with friends who sincerely moaned her loss, and covered her grave with a profusion of flowers.

A CARD OF THANKS

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Lambert take this means of tendering their heartfelt thanks to their friends and neighbors for the sympathy and kind favors extended them during the illness and death of their beloved daughter, Laticha.

The young people who withdraw from the church as soon as their school days are over are making a serious mistake. Such young people not only lay themselves liable to become the tempter's victim, but they generally grow narrow and selfish.

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The charter amendments indorsed by the peoples charter conference should be voted as indicated on their sample ballot. Mr. G. W. Whitley, who received 40,000 votes when candidate for the City Council, was a member of that conference. He was the only colored man so honored. He has long advocated proportional representation as a sure means of securing representation for the negroes. His services on the committee are highly commended by the white members.

CHICKENS COMING HOME TO ROOST

The chief of police in Washington City claims that the white men who assaulted the white women in the sufferage parade in that city on March 3rd were riff raff from the South. Guess he knows what he is talking about. The foul-mouthed men who lined that parade and applied all sorts of lewd epithets to the women marchers are being roundly denounced by the white press of the country. Those moral lepers were so vicious and loud in their vile epithets that the presidents' wife and daughters were forced to leave the reviewing stand and a company of regulars had to be called out to keep them from mobbing the women. Why the white press of the country should be surprised at such actions puzzles us. Men who engage in lynching Negro women as a pastime, and with the protection afforded them by miscegenation laws make a plaything of Negro female virtue, and this with the approval of the white press will show their contempt for white women whenever they feel safe in so doing.

At Huston, Miss., a white man seduced a handsome colored girl of tender age. The mother of the girl, after protesting in vain, called at the man's house to rescue the girl, and when she started out of his yard with her daughter he shot the mother dead with a shot gun. For this crime he has never been punished. Neither has the white press of the country condemned that atrocious deed. They merely published the account as news. A Negro in the same town on Feb. 11th, charged with robbery and murdering a white woman, was burned at the stake. An innocent Negro woman was hanged as a sort of a prelude to the burning. A public sentiment that tolerates such outrages against black women laid the foundation for that outrage in Washington City, and that is not the end of it. The chickens are coming home to roost.

The refusal of President Wilson to recognize the Huerta-Diaz government in Mexico is approved by all right-thinking Americans. The base betrayal and murder of President Madero by Huerta and Diaz should be everywhere condemned. Men who can lend their approval to such a crime and offer their support to the men who committed it ought to place a wreath upon the brow of every armed highwayman.

Among the recent deaths we regret to record that of Mrs. I. H. Crabtree, of 2437 Cheney St. She was a former resident of Duarte.

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See that your friends vote "yes" on Amendment No. 8, and "no" on Amendment No. 17. Don't revive the old ward heeler. You keep him dead when you vote "no" on Amendment 17.

We want to thank our subscribers for their liberal response to our recent request for their subscriptions. There are still several hundred from whom we have not heard. If you are one of them let us hear from you promptly.

If education does not increase ones usefulness to his community, the time spent in school was largely misspent.

CHICAGO GETS A BANK BRANCH

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—The American banking association, located at 115 North Dearborn street, opened a new institution at Thirty-first and State streets on Wednesday. This concern enjoys the distinction of being the only colored bank in which colored people are actually stockholders, who consist of men representing all professions, as well as all classes of labor. It is in fact the first opportunity offered the laboring classes to pur-

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During the year 1912, the work on the properties was cautiously prosecuted under the direction of a competent Mining Engineer, with a force of men who worked like trojans.

In November and December, rich ore veins were encountered, which led into tremendous bodies of ore, consisting of gold, silver, lead and iron.

Several tests made by R. A. Perez—Assayer, Chemist and Mettallurgist established in 1895—at 120 North Main street, gave average values ranging from $15 to $48 per ton.

There are numerous veins from six to eight inches in width which gave values much higher—these widen as depth is attained.

Two expert Mining Engineers, sent to the property December 7, 1912, to make specific tests, and investigation of the holdings of the company, established the fact, that a sufficient quantity of ore is already blocked out on the Gold Star property, and its recent acquired holdings, to warrant the installing of a Crusher, and a daily 50 ton capacity Cyanide Plant.

Recent tests show, that ores on these properties can be treated, or the values drawn out by the Cyanide-process, at a cost not exceeding $2 per ton.

A point of vital importance—A Plant of 50 ton capacity, the daily out-put of the $15 ore would amount to $750—of the $20 ore, daily out-put $1,000—of the $30 ore, daily out-put $1,500—of the $40 ore, daily out-put $2,000—of the $48 ore, daily out-put $2,400.

These figures represent the gross receipts, and intended only to point out to race Builders, the urgent need of co-operation, that the plant may be installed at the earliest possible date.

The Board of Directors have authorized a dispensation, for a short period, which provides that persons already stockholders, can buy the $1 shares of the company's stock at 50 cents a share. Persons not stockholders are required to pay five dollars, for the first five shares of stock, after which they can buy the stock at 50 cents a share, as regular shareholders do, during the life of the dispensation.

The Corporation, owns two proven Claims of 20 acres each, outright, and also one-half interest in eleven (11) other Claims, contiguous to the Gold Star property. On the former Claims there are blocked out—and on the dumps ready for treatment, ores amounting to $120,000. On dumps of latter eleven (11) Claims $200,000 to $300,000 in tonnage, average values from $10 to $20 per ton, besides a large tonnage, values of which are much higher.

The properties are located in the radius of a proven mineral zone, 6x16 miles. In the Eldorado Canyon District, in the Nob-Hill Section of Country, in the Opal range of Mountains, Clark County, Nevada, 18 miles northeast of Searchlight, the terminus of the Santa Fe Branch Road from Goffs, California, by Barnwell, to that point. The yield of the district in gold to date $17,000,000. The government reports show, that the zone has been little developed compared to its vastness.

The Capital stock of the corporation being $300,000 has been decreased to $100,000—thereby increasing the dividends to be paid by a two-fold ratio.

TIMELY NOTICE, the Cyanide Plant and Machinery, essential, and adapted to the character of ore and its treatment, on the company's properties, will be fully determined by expert Mining Engineers, so that no mistake will be made in that matter.

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The time is not far distant, that all stockholders who didn't increase their stock in the Corporation as opportunity afforded, will regret exceedinly of not having done so—and the non-stockholders would be too glad to accept a place on the Band-Wagon, but shall only be able to witness the signal displayed, with the disagreeable announcement too late! Nothing for sale by this Corporation!

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Invest your money in the stock of this Corporation, and assist to install the required Plant—and independence and the comforts of life will crown your home as a result of your investment.

For further information, you are cordially invited to call at the office of the Corporation, where you will be courteously received, and such other questions as you desire to know answered.

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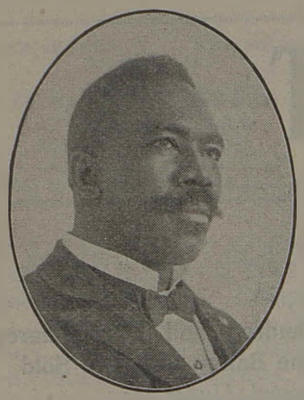

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